

THE RIDDLE OF JEWISH SURVIVAL



“The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?”

—Mark Twain, *Concerning the Jews* (1898)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh

January the 21st, AD 2024

The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-first Day of January, *in the Year of our Lord 2024*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

“A man is not saved against his will, but he is made willing by the operation of the Holy Ghost. A mighty grace which he does not wish to resist enters into the man, disarms him, makes a new creature of him, and he is saved.”



—C. H. Spurgeon (*“The Prince of Preachers”*)

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”* (#48, v. I).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *“Holy, Holy Holy”* (#55).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 30:1-6.

Prayer, Praises, and Testimony.

Special Music: Pastor Reese (*“Awake O Israel!”*).

Announcements.

Hymn: *“Blessed be the Name”* (#22).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“THE RIDDLE OF JEWISH SURVIVAL.”*

Closing Hymn:* *“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”* (#20; vv. 1, 2).

Benediction.*



**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



Pastor: **Terry L. Reese**; Phone: (814) 254-6734

Pastor's Blog: <https://reeseepastor.blogspot.com>

Church: (814) 446-6685; facebook: @valleygbcarmagh

Mailing Address: PO Box 178; Armagh, PA 15920

INTERNET ARCHIVE: [archive.org \(@reesetpje\)](http://archive.org/@reesetpje)

YouTube Channel: @terryreese1376; rumble Channel: TerryReese



Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study: 6:30 PM



WEEK 14 OF JAN. 14– JAN. 20

Sunday School—4; Morning Worship—10;

Midweek—No Service; Weekly Offering—\$266.⁰⁰



From: Pastor Keith Merriman; Date: Jan. 16, 2024

Dear beloved brethren,

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Daniel Miller and I are leaving today for Africa. We fly out of Detroit tonight at 6:30 and arrive in Paris at about 8:30 AM Paris time. We have a layover at the airport and then fly to Yaounde. We are scheduled to land at about 9:30 PM Yaounde time on Wednesday (6 hours ahead of EST). We plan to be in Cameroon this week and Chad next week and then back to Cameroon to visit Pastor Raymond near the rainforest in the East. We are scheduled to fly to Addis Ababa and then to Entebbe airport in Kampala, Uganda on January 31. We will be with Pastor Roger and his practorium men for a few days then to Eastern Uganda to visit pastor Simon Peter Otudo and then off to Kenya to visit pastor Gilbert Amaswache. We will then all travel to Tanzania for an ordination service and church dedication. Pastor Daniel and I will be preaching and teaching many times. Please pray for journey mercies, good health and power in our ministry to the saints in Africa. Thank all of you for your gifts that made this trip possible. We certainly will need your prayers. We are scheduled to return to the States on Feb. 15th. God bless you all, Keith

PS: Please pray that all our luggage will arrive safely in Yaounde we are taking much electronic equipment (laptops, projectors, tablets for practorium teachers and pastors).

Cover Art: *"Last Man Standing,"* by Pastor Terry L. Reese

THE RIDDLE OF ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL

Pastor Terry Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh, PA (01/21/24)

I. The miracle & mystery of Jewish survival.

By all logical expectations, the Jew should no longer exist; the *assimilation & persecution* associated with the **Diaspora** (“Dispersion”) should have finished him—yet he survives! HOW?

II. The Abrahamic Covenant: the central Scriptural covenant. (e.g., Gen. 12:1-3, 15:9-21, 17:1-8, 22:15-18).

- a. God made unconditional promises to his friend, Abraham!
- b. God chose & called an unworthy people (Dt.9:4-5; 17:7) for the purpose of making them a Holy People (Dt. 17:6).
- c. He would bless the whole earth through that people, giving them His Word, and sending the Messiah from them...
- d. He would provide a land & a brilliant destiny for that people.

III. Despite the present estrangement (Matt. 21:33-41, 23:34-39; Rom. 9-11), God will **spiritually restore** them (Zech 12:10, Matt. 23:39, Rom. 11:26)—the culmination of the work of the *Two Witnesses* (Rev. 11) and the *144,000* (Rev. 7:3-8, 14:1-5).

He will **rescue** them (Zech. 14:3-5, 9, 12) from the *Time of Jacob's Trouble* (Jer. 30:7, Dan. 12:1, Zech. 13:8-9)...

He will **regather** them from the nations where they had been dispersed (Deut. 30:1-6), ending the *Diaspora* that has marked the *Times of the Gentiles* (Luke 21:24; Dan. 2&7)—which extend from the Babylonian Captivity until the Second Coming...

He will honor His eternal **land grant** to them, and restore His **Holy Temple**—the Great Millennial Temple (Ezek. 40-48)—and fill it with **His Glory** (Ezek. 43:1-4)...

He will make Israel the **Head of Nations** in His Kingdom (*Mic. 4:1-2*) and the Jews the most honored of people (*Zech. 8:20-23*).

Everything declared in **Scripture MUST be fulfilled** (e.g., Matt. 26:54, Acts 1:16)—the *true* secret of Jewish survival!

IV. BUT individual Jews **MUST** repent & trust in MESSIAH—or they CANNOT be saved (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)!!! So-called “Dual Covenant Theology” (e.g., John Hagee; i.e., the idea that Jews will supposedly be saved by “keeping” the Mosaic Law) is FALSE (Rom. 3:20,23; Gal. 2:16, 21)!!!